



South Florida Water Management District

BIG CYPRESS BASIN BOARD MINUTES

January 25, 2019

9:00 AM

Collier County Government Center

Commission Chamber, 3rd Flr

3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34112

FINAL

1. **Call to Order - Frederick Barber, Chairman, Big Cypress Basin Board**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance - Frederick Barber, Chairman, Big Cypress Basin Board**
3. **Consider Approval of the Minutes for the October 25, 2018 Big Cypress Basin Board Meeting**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marielle Kitchener, Vice Chair
SECONDER:	Jamie Williams
AYES:	Barber, Kitchener, Waters, Williams

4. **Agenda Revisions - Lisa Koehler**
5. **Agenda Item Abstentions by Board Members**

There were no revisions to the agenda.

There were no abstentions from the agenda.

Employee Recognition-Presented by Mr. Barber

Mr. Marks gave recognition and thanks to Ms. Koehler for her 10 years of service with the District.

Mr. Barber gave recognition to Ms. Koehler for her work and dedication to the Basin.

6. Right-of-Way Information (Staff Contact, Karen Estock, ext. 2797)

**A. Golden Gate Main Canal from Livingston Road to Interstate 75
(Relaxation of the 40 Foot Setback Rule)**

Ms. Estock gave an overview regarding the proposed right-of-way relaxation along the Golden Gate Canal from Livingston Road to Interstate 75. Ms. Estock asked for direction from the Board Members to bring this request to the Governing Board for consideration.

Board Comment

Responding to Mr. William's question regarding any constraints to the landowners, Ms. Estock stated the Basin would not be relinquishing any part of the right-of-way but would be giving leniency to the landowner for some small encroachments.

In response to Mr. Water's question regarding encroachments in the right-of-way, Ms. Estock stated, we have meet with the landowners to discuss their options.

The Board directed Ms. Estock to forward this item to the Governing Board for consideration.

Public Comment

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

B. Green Canal Pedestrian Bridge (Waiver to Minimum Low Member Elevation)

Ms. Estock gave an overview of the proposed waiver for the Green Canal pedestrian bridge. She asked for direction from the Board Members to bring this request to the Governing Board for consideration.

Board Comment

In response to Mr. William's question regarding the boat ramp, Ms. Estock stated that the boat ramp would be fenced and used for maintenance access only.

Regarding Mr. Water's question about the right-of-way standards. Ms. Estock stated there is a process to amend the standards.

The Board directed Ms. Estock to forward this item to the Governing Board for consideration.

Public Comment

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

7. Big Cypress Basin Capital Plan Project Update (Staff contact, Lucine Dadrian, ext. 2685)

Ms. Dadrian gave an overview of the Basin capital projects and asked for Board direction to move funds from the Structure Inspection Program for two projects: The Curry Canal project in the amount of \$75,000; and the Remote Monitoring and Communications project in the amount of \$50,000.

Board Comment

Responding to Mr. Barber's question regarding the Curry Canal Structure, Ms. Dadrian stated this structure will be remote controlled.

In response to Mr. William's question, Mr. Dadrian, stated that the field station requested access to both sides of the canal.

Responding to Mr. Barber's question about the funding for the curb cut, Ms. Heater stated that funding for this project is available.

The Board gave direction to Ms. Dadrian to move funding.

Public Comment

There were no public comments of this agenda item.

8. Big Cypress Basin Budget Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Update (Staff contact, Candida Heater, ext. 6486)

Ms. Heater gave an overview of the Big Cypress Basin Budget for fiscal year 2019-2020.

Board Comment

There were no Board comments on this agenda item.

Public Comment

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

9. General Public Comment

There were no general public comments.

Technical Report

10. Field Station Activity Report - Karen Estock

Ms. Estock provided the Field Station Activity Report.

Board Comment

Responding to Mr. Water's question regarding the tree removal project, Ms. Estock stated that this would be a water-based project.

Regarding Ms. Kitchener's question about public awareness of the tree removal project, Ms. Estock stated that staff members have met with the homeowners' associations and answered questions regarding the tree removal project and mailed letters.

Responding to Mr. William's question, Ms. Estock stated that the right-of ways widths along the canal banks vary.

11. Water Conditions Report - Brad Jackson

Mr. Jackson gave a presentation for the Water Conditions Report.

Board Comments

Responding to Mr. Barber's question about Audubon Corkscrew Sanctuary, Mr. Jackson stated he would meet with them regarding the construction of the Curry Canal structure.

Mr. Williams expressed his appreciation for the new Curry Canal structure.

Staff Reports

12. Monthly Financial Report - Candida Heater

Ms. Heater gave an overview of the monthly financial report.

Board Comment

Responding to Mr. Barber's question about the rolled-back rate for FY2019-2020, Ms. Heater stated there will be further discussion with the Basin Board and the Governing Board regarding the rolled-back rate.

13. Executive Report - Ernie Marks

Mr. Marks recognized Mr. Barber for his dedication to both the District and Basin Governing Boards.

14. Basin Administrator Report - Lisa Koehler

Ms. Koehler recognized Mr. Barber and highlighted his work within the Basin.

Ms. Koehler requested direction of the recurring payment for the county proposed work plan.

The Board gave direction to process the payment.

Board Comment

There were no Board comments on this agenda item.

Public Comment

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

15. Board Comment

There were no final Board Comments

16. Adjourn

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Daniel F. Waters, Board Member
SECONDER:	Marielle Kitchener, Vice Chair
AYES:	Barber, Kitchener, Waters, Williams



Lisa Koehler
Big Cypress Basin Administrator
South Florida Water Management District